

SURPRISE CAMOUFLAGED BY CUNNING AND SKILL

MARRIED FOLKS PROVE THEMSELVES ADEPT AT THE ART OF DECEIT.

Innocent Young Single Couple Victims of Their Treachery Last Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Miss Hildebrand, a popular young lady of Plattsmouth, and Mr. Webb, one of the linotype operators on the Journal, were given the surprise of their "young" lives last evening when they were victims of a well-planned, well-concealed plot at the hands of thirteen couples of their married friends. So well were the plans camouflaged that as the victims were taken singly and separately to the M. W. A. hall, where the crowd had gathered, by designing friends on smooth pretenses evolved in the fertile minds of the cunning wives and husbands, they did not even then "tumble" to the situation until the twenty-five or more in waiting for them sprang from behind closed doors with laughter and yells.

The Kroehler orchestra, which plays for the dances given by the Amusu Married Folks Dancing club, of which Miss Hildebrand and Mr. Webb are the only single members, had been engaged to play and were on hand ready to begin. Before the young couple had recovered from the shock of such surprise as had been thrust upon them, the word was passed "On with the dance," and to the strains of excellent music furnished by this promising young orchestra of Plattsmouth, dancing began at about nine o'clock and continued until the wee small hours.

At eleven o'clock the tables in the adjoining dining hall, were spread and the ensemble sat down to partake of a most delicious luncheon of sandwiches, pickles, coffee and doughnuts. When all had done themselves justice to this fine repast, cigars were passed to the men and just as the honored guests of the evening were settling down to further enjoyment, they were doomed to even greater surprise. Mr. Webb was called to his feet, and although prepared in mind to make the customary little speech he expected would be demanded of him on this occasion, he was completely flabbergasted when Chief of Police Wm. Barclay stepped forward and addressed him on behalf of the crowd, presenting him at the same time with a beautiful wrist watch of military design, to be worn when he is inducted into the national army at no far distant date, admonishing him to keep inviolate and uppermost the principles of Liberty and Democracy, and expressing the confidence of the friends there assembled that he would meet the situation right and, along with the thousands of other young men of the country, do his part in the maintenance of right and the overthrow of autocracy. Tears swelled the eyes of many and it was with no small effort that Mr. Webb pulled himself together to make reply to the well wishes of his friends so freely given.

Later the company adjourned to the ball room and continued the pleasant dance through the hours that followed each other almost like minutes and it was nearly two o'clock before anyone seemed to think of, moreover want to go home. By way of an appropriate good-night, Jack Ledgeway played bugle call on his cornet while all stood at attention.

HEARS FROM BEN WINDHAM.

From Tuesday's Daily.
R. B. Windham of this city has a letter from his son, Ben, who is on a naval ship, saying that he was out of port for nine weeks, and that he had left port on December 23rd, and that during the time that there was a storm for twenty-three days. The letter which came from Norfolk, Virginia, said Ben was well, had enjoyed good health with the exception of an occasional spell of sea sickness on account of the extremely rough seas encountered. He had made two trips without having gotten to land, the destination was not given. He

says that one of the petty officers who had been 28 years in the service, said that the storm at its climax was the worst he had ever seen. Ben himself described the storm as the grandest sight he had ever witnessed, the waves running as high as the bluffs along the Missouri river. He is in receipt of many Christmas presents and much mail which he will answer when he gets time.

HOLD GOOD MEETING.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The Woodmen Circle lodge met in regular session, at their lodge rooms last evening, there being a large number of the members in attendance. Considerable business was transacted, after which three new members were initiated into the mysteries of this lodge. Another feature of business was that of purchasing war stamps to the amount of \$50, which was a most patriotic move and one of the steps toward winning the war. The ladies are well pleased at the growth of the lodge and are especially pleased with the untiring efforts of Mrs. Droegge, in securing and having members for initiation at each meeting, as well as always having the interest of the society and its welfare at all times.

REMEMBERS BIRTHDAYS.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Years since W. H. Seybert and wife adopted Mathew G. Dennison as their son, who lived with them until he became of age, and then later enlisted in the U. S. Navy, where he has now served three terms. At the end of the second term of four years, and having been away for eight years, he returned and visited with the Seybert family, for near a week, then returned and re-enlisted, serving another four years which has just terminated. He had expected to have taken a vacation before re-enlisting but the urgent need of men, caused him to decide to not come home this time. About a year ago he sent a check of \$75.00 for the purchase of a diamond for his foster sister Honor Seybert, at the time saying that when the other children's birthday dropped around he would remember them as well. Today Mr. Seybert received a letter from Mr. Dennison enclosing \$75.00 for each of the other children Francis and William Jennings Seybert for each of them a diamond ring. Mr. Dennison was at New York when he sent the letter with the enclosure.

ROBERT W. YOUNG IMPROVING.

From Wednesday's Daily.
R. W. Young who has been at the home of his sister Mrs. C. R. Troop in this city for some time since leaving the hospital at Omaha, where he was for a number of months, being treated for a broken hip is getting along nicely, being able to get about on crutches, but still having some trouble by reason of his limb not being strong enough to sustain his weight. He hopes with the continual improvement to be able to throw the crutches away some time in the future.

PROVIDE FUND FOR DEFENSE WORK.

From Monday's Daily.
Inasmuch as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Carl F. Vrooman, has stated that "The County Agents constitute American agriculture's first line of defense," and Secretary of Agriculture, David Houston, states that, "In the present war, he has been ready to meet the emergency and to concentrate all rural forces and organizations in working out the great problems of food production and food conservation," and Congress, in recognition of his value as a local leader, has provided funds for the immediate extension of this system to every agricultural county in the United States, the Nebraska State Council of Defense urges all State officers, organizations, and individuals to assist the Government and the State in accomplishing this end.

Worst Winter In Years.

Snow, wind and extreme cold caused more colds this winter than in years. Foley's Honey and Tar proved its worth in thousands of homes. Mrs. Edward Strevy, R. 27, Clinton, O., says: "I think Foley's Honey and Tar is the only medicine for coughs and colds and recommend it highly." Fine for children. Sold everywhere.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY DOING DUTY IN FRANCE

WAS ONCE CLERK IN GROCERY BUT HAS BEEN IN ARMY AND NAVY LONG TIME

Writes Sister Here His Impressions of Army Life "Over There." Say Tobacco Scarce.

From Tuesday's Daily.
John A. Doyle, a brother of Mrs. Frank Rauen of this city, and who himself lived here for many years and is known by a lot of Plattsmouth people, has written his sister and family a letter from France, where he is seeing service with the American Expeditionary Force, telling of some of his experiences in the war zone. Mr. Doyle gives a graphic description of the mode and habits of living of the French people, which he has had occasion to observe and we reproduce his letter below for the benefit of our readers. It was written January 1st.

Dear Sister and Family:

I thought to write and tell you all is well. I hear from Maggie all the time; she is well and getting along all right, but is awful lonesome. I had a good Christmas and a happy New Year dinner. Last night we had a hot time singing and raising the deuce, bringing in the new year. We all had in mind the folks at home in our songs and jokes.

I will be gosh darned if I did not lose the letter telling of Lily's husband's name. I told Maggie to send her some present; I hope she will get it without any trouble with the revenue laws. How is Pete? I have not heard from him for some time.

We all received Red Cross packages and Christmas presents from the good people of the United States. That was the only present many a boy received, so spread the news all you can to all who are engaged in trying to make other people happy. You should see the soldier smile when he received his package, and the older soldier the broader the smile. They all bestowed a blessing on the sender of the package and will endeavor to send their thanks personally to those whose thoughtfulness of them has been so manifest. Next year the same soldier may not be here to receive the gift.

We received several donations of tobacco from New York and they came in mighty handy, as most of the boys are endeavoring to purchase one, two, three and some four Liberty bonds. Of course the bonds when paid for will come to them but the majority are willing them to their sweethearts, their mothers or some one else. Most of the men have allotted money of their earnings to their mothers or their wives. This is not like it was in the former wars when the soldier drew all his money and blowed it in the same night. Here now every man is fit as a fiddle and anxious to do his bit, and is prepared for anything which may come. Everything is mapped out for the occasion whatever it may be that can happen and, like the French soldier, we will stick to the last ditch. We fraternize with the jolly French soldier, and it would make you split your sides to see us trying to talk to each other. We mingle and mix with one another and talk Pigeon French and "County Sligo," and when we put on our vaudeville you should hear them laugh. They are a laughing people anyway, and nothing seems to prevent them from laughing, even in the face of the worst reverses.

Tell Eva not to get discouraged because I am slow writing, and that she will be slow when she is my age. I never hear from Maggie. Is she too high toned to write? How is Rose and baby? I suppose Dorothy will soon be a big girl. How is Frank; is his health good? He certainly is a sticker on the job. I will have my picture sent in a few days. I wish you all a happy New Year. Sincerely,
JOHN A. DOYLE.

DR. ZERCHER GOES. DR. LEOPOLD COMES.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Dr. Zercher, who but a short time since disposed of her practice in this city to Dr. Leopold of Fairbury, and who is here now ready for practice, and coming with the best of recommendations, from the place where he formerly practiced, and with also the best of success to his credit, will leave here for a visit at her former home at Topeka, Kansas. Dr. Zercher goes to her former Kansas home, for the purpose of meeting her brothers John and Joseph Zercher, who are home for a short time before going to the service in the army. Dr. Zercher will later go to Webster Grove, Mo., which is about fifty miles southwest of St. Louis, where she will enter practice. In a successor to Dr. Zercher it would have been difficult to have gotten one better equipped for the position than is Dr. Leopold.

CASS COUNTY FARM THE BEST.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Miss Ada Kuhn of Lincoln, coming from the state offices of Nebraska, was in the city yesterday and visited the county farm just west of the city, making an exhaustive inquiry as to the conduct of the farm. The alignment of the work done, the amount raised, the arrangement of the home, and in general all that pertains to the conduct of the farm, in all its details. When the recruits have been the number of this making their home at the county farm the manner of caring for and housing them, the cost per person for care, the receipts, and all things connected with the conduct of the county farm. After having made the examination and figured a percentage of efficiency said that out of the ninety, one county so far examined this county of Cass, showed the best farm conducted and had the highest percent of efficiency.

FARM FOR SALE.

My finely improved eighty acre farm, four miles south of the Plattsmouth city postoffice. For particulars and easy terms, apply to Major Hall, Owner.

WOULD LIKE TO PUNCH COWS IN TEXAS

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening Leo, Stanwood of Omaha, a young lad giving his agricultural years from fourteen to eighteen years of age dropped off a south bound Missouri Pacific train, for a rest on his way to the large ranches of Texas, where he had an idea he would like to punch cows. The officers here gathered him in, and kept him in the jail during the night. When questioned he said his father lived in Omaha, and was a carpenter giving his address, when he was telephoned, said send the boy home and he would be given another trial. This morning Sheriff Quinton took Leo to the Burlington station and furnishing a ticket, sent him back to Omaha.

WHEAT LOOKING FINE IN WEST

From Wednesday's Daily.
James Rainey, who has been in the west for the past few days returned this afternoon from Grant, in Perkins county, where he has been looking after some business and reports that things are looking fine out that way. In going out he left here while there was a covering of snow on the ground, but said that snow ran out at about Grand Island. James says that the wheat is looking fine in the west growing and looking green like spring. With nothing to prevent from this out he looks for a fine crop in the west.

Women Want the Best.

Woman is more finely constructed than man and she requires the best to be had in medicines when her system becomes disordered. Foley's Kidney Pills help the kidneys cleanse the blood of impurities that cause aches and pains in muscles and joints, backache, rheumatic pains and puffiness under eyes. Sold everywhere.

Send me your subscriptions to the Omaha Daily News. "New or Renewals" and help me win the Crow-Elkhart Touring car. I get special votes until Feb. 15th. C. L. Pittman, Plattsmouth, Neb. 2-12-1818w
Subscribe for the Journal.

STATE UNIVERSITY TO TRAIN DRAFTED MEN IN TRADES

WILL FURNISH SHORT COURSES TO THOSE IN CLASSES ONE AND TWO

Training Not Compulsory but Many Will Avail Themselves of the Opportunity Offered.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The Journal is in receipt of the following bulletin addressed to selected men in Classes one and two, sent out by the State Board for Vocational Training, at Lincoln, wherein the Board proposes to offer a varied list of courses of training to these men, by way of rendering a patriotic service and aiding the men to step into higher positions as they may show themselves worthy. This paper has given space before to this laudible enterprise, and is glad at this time to further the cause by reproducing the letter of the State Board, as the time is most opportune for the entering of our young men upon such a course. The bulletin and rules governing enrollment are accordingly given below.

The Government needs urgently, for army service, technicians and mechanics of almost every kind. In this emergency the Army Authorities have placed upon State Boards of Vocational Education the responsibility of providing through the schools of the country short courses in the trades and industries for additional training of selected men who are already somewhat proficient in some needed line of work.

Workmen like the following are called for: Auto and gas engine men, truck drivers, blacksmiths, bookkeepers, carpenters, concrete workers, draftsmen, engineers of all kinds, foundry men, linemen, machinists, nurses, pattern makers, plumbers, surveyors, radio and wireless operators. The above list only suggests the variety of trained men needed. The Nebraska State Board has been assured by the Chancellor that the University is willing and eager to render a patriotic service by offering as many courses as possible. In order to make the necessary preparation, the University must know approximately at the earliest possible moment how many men will take advantage of the offer and what courses will be called for. The courses will begin soon and continue until all applicants are trained, or the emergency no longer exists.

- Certain rules will govern the enrollment in classes:
- (1) Enrollment is limited to selected men in Classes I and II who have passed the physical examination, and who have some background of previous experience as well as ability necessary to undertake the work successfully.
 - (2) Length of term depends upon the ability and application of the man.
 - (3) Courses of instruction are free, but men will pay their own personal expenses.
 - (4) Night as well as day classes may be organized.
 - (5) No one is required to take this training.
 - (6) A man who attends these classes will be given a statement to be taken to the cantonment as evidence of work he has done in preparation for an occupation which the army needs.
 - (7) Names of men in classes will be filed with the Army Authorities, who will see to it that when men reach the cantonments they will be assigned to appropriate duties. The fact of this additional training insures that a man will be assigned to work for which he has made special preparation.

Watch the papers for further announcements and pass the word along.

LOOMIS TOO BUSY TO COME

From Wednesday's Daily.
Mr. Hildebrand, who is conducting the income tax school at the court house, last evening received a letter from Judge Loomis, in which Mr. Loomis said that the work was so great in volume, that it would be impossible for him to get away from the office to come to Plattsmouth for the address on the tax, notwithstanding he would have liked to have done so. There was a meeting of business men and some farmers last evening at the court house, in which Mr. Hildebrand spoke, conducting the

classes as heretofore. The school was held today, during the morning and the afternoon, which concluded them for this place. Mr. Hildebrand departed this afternoon for Papillion, where he will open a school for a time at that place, in order that all may have an opportunity to become acquainted with the workings of the law.

BOOKKEEPING FOR THE NEBRASKA FARMER

From Wednesday's Daily.
The agricultural college connected with the state university, have been furnishing books for farm bookkeeping, they having been provided by the legislature funds for the supplying of 5,000 copies of a book which adapted for the purpose, having been especially designed and manufactured for that purpose. The demand for the books have been so great, that the supply has been exhausted, and still there is a demand for the books, there is now one thousand orders which are waiting to be filled. As the funds have been exhausted for this item, it will be necessary for the enclosing of fifteen cents when ordering here after. All can receive a copy of the book which is self explanatory, and in which anyone can keep his accounts and at the end of the year you will know where you are at, by making request at the Farm Management Demonstrations University Farm, Lincoln, Nebraska and enclosing the price, 15 cents.

MRS. CLARENCE STENNER SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Wednesday's Daily.
Mrs. Inez Stenner departed this morning for Omaha, where she goes to visit with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Stenner, who is at a hospital at that place, recovering from an operation, through which she was compelled to undergo some time since. Mrs. Clarence Stenner is progressing nicely and it is hoped she will be so she can return home in the near future.

CLARENCE COTNER IMPROVING.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Mrs. Clarence Cotner departed this morning for Omaha, where she will visit with her husband at the Ford Hospital, where he is being treated for injuries received in the Burlington shops some time since, and to which treatment he is responding nicely now and is making more satisfactory progress than at any time heretofore.

VISITING HER MOTHER

From Wednesday's Daily.
Mrs. E. S. Setz departed this morning for Lincoln, where she will visit with her parents, A. H. Vanlandingham and wife of that city. They formerly made their home at Eagle, but moved to Lincoln some two weeks since. Mrs. Vanlandingham has not been feeling well for some days past and her daughter goes to see her.

AUTO TIRES FOUND.

Two tires 32x4, also tire case, number and tail light, that the owner may have by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

Subscribe for the Journal.

MEN WARNED NOT TO QUIT JOBS JUST YET

WITH EXPECTATION OF BEING INDUCTED AT ONCE INTO THE NATIONAL ARMY.

THE LAST QUOTA NOT CALLED

And May Not Be if Enlistments are Credited on Current Quota—Next Draft to Get 'Em

From Monday's Daily.
The State Headquarters of the Selective draft service at Lincoln has issued a bulletin under date of the 8th, inst., wherein they warn men against quitting their jobs just yet, because they may happen to be in the lower list of men of class one. The bulletin reads: In reply to a telegram from this office to the Provost Marshal General, calling attention to the fact that the newspapers were stating that our deferred contingent of current quota had been called but that this office had not yet received orders relatives thereto, General Crowder replies: 'No call for deferred percentage of Nebraska quota has been issued.' 'Under the circumstances, we take this to mean that Nebraska will not at this time be called upon to send the 15 per cent. There is a rumor that enlistments and voluntary inductions from Nebraska are being credited upon our current quota and if such is the case it is possible that the 15 per cent will never be called. You should therefore see to it that men in this 15 per cent do not give up their jobs or quit work at their present occupation until we get something more definite about the matter.'

FORMER CITIZEN VISITING HERE

From Wednesday's Daily.
Mrs. S. W. Dutton, of Riverside, Calif., arrived in the city this afternoon and is visiting with old time friends, being the guest of Miss Margaret Hodgert while in the city. Mr. Dutton lived here many years ago and departed for the west, where she has made her home for some time. Mrs. Dutton is the mother of John Dutton of Omaha, and also Mrs. C. A. Richey of Omaha.

BRING HOME THEIR SON TODAY

From Wednesday's Daily.
Frank Warren and wife departed this morning for Omaha, where they go to bring their little son Allen Warren, home who has been receiving treatment for some time for a nervous affliction. The little fellow has been making very satisfactory improvement for some time and is now so that he is able to return home and will be entirely restored to health it is hoped in a short time. For Sale—A number of white Brahma Cockers. Mrs. C. E. Heebner, Nebraska.

This is the Time for Every Citizen to Support the United States Government.

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